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Later he might have witnessed the decoration by the Kaiser of the man who murdered women and children on the high seas; indeed, had Mr. Horn joined the German navy he might have helped sink the *Lusitania*, and possibly himself been the recipient of a decoration.

J. H. McBRIDE.

PASADENA, CAL.

A JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S OPINION

Judge Advocate General's Department,
National Guard of the State of Maine.

SIR,—It gives me great pleasure to renew my subscription to your magazine at this time. The last two issues have been very interesting to me because of your article in the August number entitled "America First!" and also your treatment of the Mexican situation in the September number. It needs just such articles as yours to awaken the people of this country to the condition of affairs which confronts us at present.

L. W. BLANCHARD.

RUMFORD, ME.

FROM A TRUE AMERICAN

SIR,—Your editorial, "America First," in the REVIEW for August, voices my sentiments exactly, and I wish that every patriotic American citizen could be brought to see the matter just as you have so eloquently and forcibly presented it.

"War is hell," but international contempt is worse, a thousand times worse!

Let us work for peace persistently, energetically, with enthusiasm if we will, but only so long as in that direction lies honor, and beyond that let us spurn it unhesitatingly and determinedly. Above the honor and dignity of our beloved country let us place nothing save the God who supported our fathers in wresting it from British tyranny. (This slight twist of the British lion's tail may be charged up to the Teuton in me.)

I am very grateful to you for your eloquent and well-reasoned editorial, as, I am sure, are thousands of other American citizens who love their country.

W. F. RASCHE.

BLACKSBURG, VA.

"AMERICA FIRST!"

SIR,—Although I have neither the pleasure nor the honor of knowing you personally, I am going to take the friendly liberty of loving you, for I love a man that has the courage to tell the truth and to tell it from the shoulder in "straight-flung" words.

I have just had the gratification of reading several times and mentally digesting with a sense of *bien etre*, your splendid, apt, and sorely-needed editorial, "America First!" and I want to thank you with all my heart for your clarion call to our country and the world, and to congratulate you most cordially upon your well-merited indictment of the foes in our own household.

Rather oddly, I was writing the rhymed skit, "Under Two Flags," which I enclose, when I began your article. You gave me my climax and finale, for which I owe you more gratitude.

EDMOND DEFREYNE.

OSWEGO, N. Y.

"UNDER TWO FLAGS"

"No man can serve two masters"

Which flag is the flag of your country?
To which is your loyalty due?
No man can be true to two banners:
Come! Yellow? Or red, white, and blue?

Which Eagle? The one you adopted?
Or one that is spread on black cross?
Which motto? "*E Pluribus Unum*?"
Or "*Gott mit uns*?" Which wins the toss?

No honest blood runs through a siphon;
Allegiance is bound by one oath;
Two faiths can't be linked by a hyphen:
You're Yankee or Teuton—not both!

American are you, or German?
Free man, or autocracy's dupe?
Where stand you? By these States united,
Or "Fatherland," Kaiser, and Krupp?

Quit talking and writing rank treason
While under Old Glory you stand,
Or break with us, fairly and squarely,
And GO!—with your heart in your hand.

But, look you! you're with or against us,
You gather or scatter abroad.
Make choice, like brave man, of your duty,
Then gird on a patriot's sword.

We honor a gallant opponent,
Respect a conviction sincere;
But damned be the man with two faces!
Let him get to hell out of here!

You're friend or you're foe of the Union,
Leal, loyal, or traitor accurst:
Ally of the House Hohenzollern—
Or true to "AMERICA FIRST!"

EDMOND DEFREYNE,
Unhyphenated American.